

# EMODnet conference & jamboree



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Location: De Grote Post InnovOcean Site

**Overview of EMODnet activities in Oostende in the week from 19-22 October 2015**

Time/Date	Monday 19 October	Tuesday 20 October	Wednesday 21 October	Thursday 22 October
09:00 12:30	Marine Observation and Data Expert Group (MODEG) and Steering Committee Meeting	<a href="#">Public Conference</a>	EMODnet thematic lot partner meetings	EMODnet thematic lot partner meetings
12:30 13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30 17:00	Marine Observation and Data Expert Group (MODEG) and Steering Committee	<a href="#">Public Conference</a> Breakout sessions Closing Panel Discussions	EMODnet thematic lot partner meetings	EMODnet thematic lot partner meetings
18:00 20:00		Reception with food	Parallel activities (4) on specific cross-thematic topics	
20:00 23:00			Joint Dinner	

*Commuting from InnovOcean to De Grote Post*

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# Open Conference

## Session 1 (09:00-10:30)

- Welcome and opening statements provided by Lowri Evans (Lowri Evans, Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission) and Vladimir Ryabinin (Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO) TBC
- Presentation of EMODnet State of Play (Joint presentation): **ALL LEADERS OF THE THEMATIC PROJECTS are expected to contribute to this.** The idea is to provide a joint presentation along the format of the EMODnet@EurOcean2014 pre-event and the JRC Seminar on 2 July.
- Presentation of EMODnet Sea-basin Checkpoints (Nadia Pinardi)



# Open Conference (2)

## Session 2 (11:00-12:30)

- EMODnet stakeholder perspectives: Up to 6 invited speakers from different communities (Environmental protection, Industry, Research, NGOS...) will provide their testimony. This will be followed by a round of interventions from the public and discussion.
- Five Speakers have confirmed their participation so far:
  - Cyndy Chandler (WHOI, USA): opportunities and challenges for marine data management to support Future Ocean Research
  - Jonathan Williams (Marine South East Ltd): needs of the maritime sectors in terms of marine and coastal observation data, products and services).
  - Gert Verreet (Flemish government): opportunities and challenges for EMODnet to support the work/reporting in the framework of the MSFD as well as the Regional Sea Conventions.
  - Lyndsey Dodds (Head of Marine Policy, WWF-UK): perspectives of WWF as part of civil society on issues related to marine observation and collection, management, access and sharing of marine data
  - Jean-Francois Minster (Total SA, France)
  - Someone from the MSP Working Group at EC (name to be provided by DG MARE) – Marine data needs for Marine Spatial Planning processes - how can EMODnet?
- Other suggestions from long list



## Open Conference (3)

### Session 3: EMODnet breakout discussions + Plenary (13:30-17:30)

- main aim is to mix contributors from different EMODnet thematic projects to foster a common EMODnet identity and mind-set as well as gathering ideas on how to strengthen EMODnet in the future in terms of vision, coverage, services and governance etc.
- The concrete design of the brainstorming has yet to be decided. The idea is to involve external professional workshop developers/moderator(s) to provide (or support) the plenary introduction and assist with the preparations, moderation and selection of tools for the breakout brainstorming.
- **What do we want to get out of this? What Should be the high level questions?**



## Brainstorming HL Questions

- What are the main challenges, strategic opportunities and threats for EMODnet on the medium and long terms? What actions/measures could be taken to take these into account?
- How to improve interactions and cross-fertilization between the different thematic lots?
- How can we work towards more harmonisation of data portals and integration of data streams?
- How to strengthen links with the wider science infrastructure landscape and user communities etc.
- How does EMODnet relate to other key networks, organisations and initiatives such as ICES, EuroGOOS / EOOS / Copernicus, the Galway declaration...
- How should EMODnet be structured and operated post 2020? How to collaborate? What governance models could be considered for the future EMODnet beyond the phase 3 (post 2020)?
- **INPUT REQUESTED FROM the Steering Committee: Have you got any other suggestions for (1) topics that should be dealt with and/or (2) concrete questions to be addressed by the participants?**



## **Cross-thematic activities (21/10/215 from 18:00-20:00)**

- Aim = make full use of the unique opportunity of having all EMODnet thematic project partners at the same time/location to organise a number of activities to advance/address specific opportunities and/or challenges (political, technical and scientific) which are of interest or which would benefit from contributions/interactions by members from more than one EMODnet thematic lot.



## **Possible topics**

- Bring together EMODnet Biology WP on data products with Seabed Habitat modellers
- Bathymetry with Geology on data output & collection
- Session with interested partners from different lots on DIVA tools
- Put together checkpoint people + other lots to see what are the needs of checkpoints and see how specific lots can provide them with input (this may be perhaps too much out of scope as the checkpoints will have a separate grand gathering)
- How to avoid that the same set of data is made available by different platforms/sources but with slight differences – this confuses users and hinders willingness to use the datasets

